BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-115-C - ORDER NO. 90-570

MAY 30, 1990

IN RE:  Application of Southern Bell Telephone      )
        and Telegraph Company for Revisions to      ) ORDER APPROVING
        its Access Services Tariff Increasing to    ) REVISIONS TO
        Local Switching 1 (LS1) Rate Element        ) TARIFF WITH
        Consistent with the Local Switching 2       ) STIPULATION
        (LS2) Rate Element.                          )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of

South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a tariff filing on

January 18, 1990, by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company

(Southern Bell) proposing revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

The purpose of these revisions is to increase the Local Switching

1 (LS1) rate element to the Local Switching 2 (LS2) level.  The

local switching rate element provides for the recovery of costs

associated with the use of end office switching equipment. LS1

provides local dial switching for originating and terminating

Feature Groups A and B.  LS2 provides local dial switching for

originating and terminating Feature Groups C and D.

The matter was duly noticed.  Petitions to Intervene were

granted by the Commission on behalf of AT&T Communications of the

Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) and SouthernNet of South Carolina,

Inc. (SouthernNet).

The hearing is this matter was commenced at 11:00 A.M., on April 24, 1990, in the Commission's Hearing Room, 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina, the Honorable Caroline H. Maass, presiding. Fred A. Walters, Esquire, represented Southern Bell; Francis P. Mood, Esquire, and Gene V. Coker, Esquire, represented AT&T; John F. Beach, Esquire, represented SouthernNet; and Marsha A. Ward, General Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

At the beginning of the proceeding, counsel for Southern Bell and SouthernNet indicated that they had agreed to a stipulation which would settle the differences that SouthernNet had with the tariff filing of Southern Bell. The stipulation was outlined on the record for the Commission and counsel for Southern Bell informed the Commission that a written agreement and stipulation would be filed. Counsel for AT&T did not object to the stipulation.

Thereafter, the Commission received an executed Stipulation signed by counsel for both Southern Bell and SouthernNet. The terms of this stipulation are as follows:

1.  Effective with the date of the written order of the Commission, one-half of the proposed increase in the LS1 rate element of Feature Group A (FGA) and Feature Group B (FGB), i.e. $.0017, will go in effect. One year from that date, the other half of the increase will become effective. Thereafter, the LS1 and LS2 rate elements of switched access will be the same.

2.  Effective immediately, any interexchange carrier (IXC) wishing to convert from FGA and/or FGB to to Feature Group D (FGD) may do so without incurring any non-recurring charge provided:

(a) the FGA and/or FGB service is disconnected no more than 180 days after the start of the FGD review, and

(b) no network rearrangements are either requested or required, and

(c) orders for the disconnection of FGA and FGB service and the start of FGD service are placed at the same time, and

(d) on the three hundred sixty-fifth day following the date of the Commission's Order in this cause, the 180 day period referenced above shall be reduced to 90 days, Access Service Tariff E.6 shall apply and subparts 2.a, b and c shall be void;

3.  An IXC may choose to cancel any order to disconnect a FGA or FGB circuit prior to the date of disconnection without incurring any additional penalty or cost, except that the IXC must then pay the non-recurring charge applicable to the start of the corresponding FGD circuit.

Upon agreement of the parties and receipt of the executed Stipulation by the Commission, the Commission hereby approves the proposed tariff of Southern Bell as modified by the parties and outlined in the above-referenced stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

(SEAL)